

NORTH SPOKANE CORRIDOR PROJECT

BRIEFING PAPER

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PURPOSE:

Provide the Transportation Commission with a status update of the US 395 North Spokane Corridor (NSC) project.

ACTION/OUTCOME:

The Transportation Commission will have the most current information available about the US 395 North Spokane Corridor project, 10.5 miles that will connect I-90 at Mile Post 283.58 to US 395 (Wandermere) at Mile Post 167.86.

BACKGROUND:

The North Spokane Corridor was restarted in the early 1990's, and with the recently passed Nickel Transportation Revenue Package there are some major segments within the NSC that will be designed and constructed.

DISCUSSION:

Since the beginning of the Environmental Impact Statement process in 1991 until June 30, 2003, \$50,417,000 of state and federal funding has been invested in the North Spokane Corridor. This has resulted in completion of the Environmental Impact Statement process, the publication of the Findings and Order documents, and allowed design and real estate activities to continue based upon the available revenue. It also allowed us to construct one grading and draining project between Hawthorne Road and Farwell Road for \$4,914,000.

With the implementation of the Nickel Package, \$189 million is available for several projects over 10 years to design, purchase right of way, and

- Construct four lanes from US 395 (Wandermere) to US 2 (2.1 miles)
- Construct the Wandermere Interchange (US 395)
- Lower US 2 and construct the US 2 Interchange, and
- Construct two lanes from US 2 to Francis Avenue/Freya Street (4.4 miles)

This will provide a useable highway from Francis Avenue to Wandermere (6.5 miles).

Additionally, we continue to seek federal funding for this project.

LEGISLATIVE 2003 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT LIST - NEW LAW									
Eastern Region									
PE = Preliminary Engineering Start		AD = Contract Ad & Award		■ = Work completed					
RW = Right of Way Certification		OT = Open to Traffic		△ = Milestone					
PROJECT NAME	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
EASTERN REGION									
NSC - Francis Avenue to Farwell Road	Nickel package funding: \$108.3 M First Ad Date: 9/8/03 △ RW/AD OT								
NSC - US 2 to Wandermere & US 2 Lowering	Nickel package funding: \$80.7 M First Ad Date: 1/16/08 △ △ RW AD OT								

RECOMMENDATION:

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